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In Re the Application of:

HIROYUKI SAKUYAMA, ET AL.

Application No.: To be assigned

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM,  
AND RECORDING MEDIUM THAT ALLOW SETTING OF MOST APPROPRIATE  
POST-QUANTIZATION CONDITION

Art Group: To be assigned

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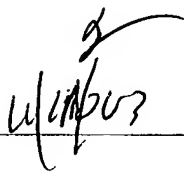
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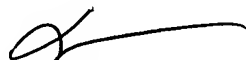
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